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a lumen from an open distal end to an open opposite proximal end, a collection trap, and a fluid source in communication with the outer cannula, the inner cannula operable to sever tissue projecting through the tissue-receiving opening;

introducing the outer cannula into the patient with the tissue receiving opening adjacent the tissue removal site;

operating the tissue removal device to excise a tissue sample through the tissue receiving opening;

supplying a fluid to the tissue removal site through the outer cannula; and

aspirating the excised tissue into the collection trap through the lumen of the inner cannula.

9. (New) The method of claim 8, wherein the aspirating step is further defined by aspirating the excised tissue and the fluid into the collection trap through the lumen of the inner cannula.